

**Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures**  
**Out of City Response**  
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**PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for response outside of the city limits of Tempe.

**Guidelines**

We will respond outside our city limits for the following reasons:

- A. To comply with automatic aid and/or mutual aid agreements as applicable.
- B. To assist neighboring cities or jurisdictions in the event of a disaster.
- C. To assist with wildfire incidents per agreement with the Arizona State Land Department, Fire Management Division.
- D. To provide rescue/medical service to residents/businesses in County Islands where a true life threatening emergency exists.
- E. To provide exposure fire protection for fire situations in County Islands in an effort to keep fire from spreading from one building to another. This should not involve any interior fire fighting operations.

Do not engage in structural exposure protection operations in the County Island areas alone. You must be supported by Tempe companies and a Battalion Chief.

If response takes us outside the City due to a wrong address or improper directions and outside the parameters of the above criteria the responding officer must exercise discretion. As a general guideline, life safety at these incidents should be addressed and only those firefighting activities necessary to support life safety measures, or exposure protection should be performed until the proper department arrives and an orderly transition can be made. If firefighting activities are conducted they should be performed in accordance with Tempe Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures. Relief of Tempe units will then be at the discretion of the Tempe Fireground commander.

THE ALARM ROOM IS TO NOTIFY THE BATTALION CHIEF WHEN MULTIPLE COMPANIES ARE DISPATCHED OUTSIDE THE CITY FOR THE SAME INCIDENT.